

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-33 and 37 are pending in this application upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25 having been amended and claim 36 canceled by way of the present amendment.

Election/Restriction

Claim 36 was indicated as directed to an independent invention and hereby withdrawn by the Examiner. Claim 36 has been canceled.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to for not including the description “450” for the wheel support. Attached is a replacement sheet for FIG. 1, including the description.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 29-33 and 37 were allowed.

Claims 2-8, 11-16, 18-22, and 25-28 were objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. The appropriate amendments have been made; hence, these claims are allowable.

102 RejectionsDeustch

Claims 1 and 9 were rejected as being anticipated by Deustch (U.S. Patent No. 4,384,713).

Claim 1 as amended recites a pulling member of an exercise machine that “includes a cable that pulls both forward toward [a user of the exercise machine] and rearward from [a] braking member [of the exercise machine] in order to disengage [the] braking member.” See, for example, Specification, paragraph 50.

In contrast, Deustch describes moving a vertical tie bar 8 up or down and a horizontal tie bar 56 right or left in order to lock wheels of a rolling walker. See Deustch, col. 5, lines 10-39. Deustch neither teaches nor suggests using a cable that pulls both forward and rearward, as in claim 1.

Therefore, claim 1 and dependent claim 9 patentably distinguish over Deustch.

Ruggiero

Claims 17, 23, and 24 were rejected as being anticipated by Ruggiero (U.S. Patent No. 4,211,309).

Claim 17 as amended recites a variably adjusting member of the exercise machine that “variably adjusts [the] resistance of [a] resisting member [of the exercise machine] by horizontally moving [the] resisting member relative to [the] variably adjusting member.” See, for example, Specification, paragraph 60.

In contrast, Ruggiero describes a clockwise rotation of an upper band member 44 about a stationary screw 48 when a compression spring 54 is tightened or loosened in order to control a brake force on the wheel of an invalid walker. See Ruggiero, col. 3, lines 24-31. Ruggiero neither teaches nor suggests a horizontal movement of a resisting member, as in claim 17. Moreover, horizontal movement of the band member of Ruggiero is prevented by the screw.

Therefore, claim 17 and dependent claims 23 and 24 patentably distinguish over Ruggiero.

103 Rejection

Claim 10 was rejected as being obvious over Deustch in view of Ruggiero.

Since claim 1 is patentable over Deustch, claim 10, which depends from claim 1, is also patentable over Deustch for at least the same reasons.

Ruggiero does not correct the deficiencies of Deustch because Ruggiero also fails to teach or suggest the pulling member of claim 1. Since the pulling member of claim 1 is absent from both Deustch and Ruggiero, the combination thereof would not produce the claimed embodiment.

Therefore, claim 1 and dependent claim 10 patentably distinguish over Deustch in view of Ruggiero.

**CONCLUSION**

Claims 1-33 and 37 are patentable.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

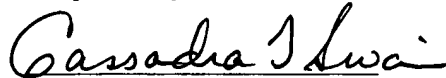
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Attachment

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached drawing includes changes to FIG. 1. This sheet replaces the original drawing of FIG. 1. In FIG. 1, previously omitted description “450” has been added for a wheel support.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet of FIG. 1